

REMARKS

Claims 1-39 were pending. Claims 1-39 have been canceled and claims 40-77 have been added by this Amendment.

5 It is not believed that any further fees are necessary at this time. However, in the event additional fees are required, Applicants authorize the Commissioner to withdraw any necessary fees, including those under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, from deposit account 50-0913.

A Brief Review of One Embodiment of Applicants' Invention

10 In one embodiment of Applicants' invention a game includes a table having a card betting layout located on a surface of the table. A roulette betting layout is located on the surface of the table. A roulette wheel is mounted to the table. The game allows wagering and playing a card game and a roulette game at the same time. A dealer operates the game. The games are independent of each other.

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Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

The Office rejected claims 1-39 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,508,709 issued to Karmarkar.

20 Applicant does not agree with this rejection. Applicant has cancelled claims 1-39 and added new claims 40-77 in order to obtain early allowance of the application. To the extent the office feels that the cited references are relevant to the new claims, Applicants provide the following discussion:

Karmarkar purports to disclose virtual distributed multimedia gaming method and system based on actual regulated casino games. Karmarkar appears to allow a player to wager on the

outcome (win or lose) of a recorded casino game that is later shown on a video display (see column 18, lines 58-67 and column 19, lines 1-19). The device of Karmarkar does not allow the game player to play in an actual card or roulette game. The device of Karmarkar does not allow a dealer or more than one game player to use the game device.

5 Independent claim 40 of the current application specifically requires a dealer position and at least two individual card wagering positions. The device of Karmarkar does not teach, disclose or suggest the use of a dealer in the game or two card wagering positions.

 Since Karmarkar uses remotely transmitted audio and video, it cannot have a dealer position. Karmarkar does not have two card wagering positions.

10 Dependent claims 41-55 add additional patentable features and are allowable therewith. For example, claim 54 recites that the game has more than two outcomes. The games of Karmarkar only have 2 outcomes win or lose.

 Independent claim 56 of Applicant's application specifically requires a dealer position. The device of Karmarkar does not teach, disclose or suggest the use of a dealer or a dealer
15 position. Karmarkar uses remotely transmitted audio and video without the use of a live human dealer. Claim 56 also requires that the second game have at least three game outcomes. The device of Karmarkar is only capable of two game outcomes, win or lose.

 Dependent claims 57-60 add additional patentable features and are allowable therewith. For example, claim 58 recites that the second game play area is a roulette betting area.

20 New independent claim 61 specifically requires allowing a dealer to present a first game and a second game of chance to the player. The device of Karmarkar does not teach, disclose or suggest the use of a human dealer to present a game. Karmarkar uses remotely transmitted audio and video without the use of a live human dealer.

 Dependent claims 62-77 add additional patentable features and are allowable therewith.

For example, claim 67 recites allowing the player to place a wager on a discrete card game layout.

Because the cited references do not teach, disclose or suggest all limitations of Applicant's claims, Applicants respectfully request the Office to withdraw the §102(e) rejection.

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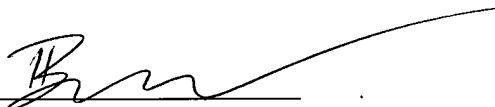
Conclusion

For all of the above reasons, the Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions regarding the application or amendment, the Examiner is encouraged to call the Applicants' attorney at (775) 826-6160.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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